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Stockmen Meet.

Monday morning the Amador and El Dorado Stockmen's Association met in the court house with C. L. Culbert in the chair, and W. E. Finn acting as secretary. About forty members were present, a number of whom were from El Dorado county. This meeting was supposed to have been called in November but for various reasons it was postponed. The next regular meeting will be held in April. According to an amendment to the by-laws passed at this session instead of meeting semi-annually, in November and April, the association will hold one meeting, which after some discussion was decided should be held on the last Tuesday in January. It was decided to frame a petition to put before the next legislature, requesting them to make better regulations in regard to stray animals. As the law stands now, a man passing through one county from another and losing some of his cattle stands very little chance of ever getting them back. A man taking up an estray is supposed to give written notice to the county recorder, describing the animal, with brands and marks, and when he took it up. If the animal is not called for within a stated time it is sold at public auction by the constable, who has posted three notices to that effect. It was the opinion of those present that there should be a state official who would receive reports from all the recorders of the estrays that are reported to him, with their marks and brands. It should be his duty to have a record of all brands that are registered and in that way he could notify the proper owner, no matter where he might live. It was also brought out that these estray notices should be advertised in the papers for a certain length of time. It was voted upon and passed that the secretary be allowed \$20 a year for past services and the same amount in the future. An amendment was passed that instead of always meeting in Jackson, as was decided upon when the body was organized, the members should decide at each meeting where the next should be. As the first year has not yet elapsed the next meeting will be held in Jackson. A number of applicants were admitted to membership.

As had been announced, supervisor Plintham of this reserve was present and instructed the members in their rights, and the regulations of the forest reserve by the government. He stated that as soon as the association had the required fifty-one per cent of the stockmen in this district that there would be certain privileges given to the body. With those who joined the day of the meeting, it was thought the required number has been secured. The secretary was instructed to prepare a list of the membership and forward to Mr Plintham. After all the business of the association had been thrashed out, the boundaries of the ranges were gone over and adjusted satisfactorily to everyone.

The Public Cemetery.

One of the vital questions that clamored for settlement when the city was incorporated was the condition of the public cemetery. It never has had no recognized head to take charge of it and keep it in anything like decent condition. Year after year it has been left for some one to start out with a petition to collect a few dollars to pay the water rates, and keep the weeds from obliterating the graves entirely. Some time ago the city trustees appointed a committee to look into the matter. We presume they made a report, and that is about all that has been done. No step has been made toward getting a new burial ground or to place the old one on a business-like footing. The matter of providing water fees and meeting other expenses is again under discussion. Encouraged by the success he met with last year on this mission, El. S. Pitols has started out to collect, and has met with good encouragement. He says the water rates are paid for the current year, but 200 feet of pipe and three more hydrants will be needed for the water system, also a general cleaning up of brush and rubbish done, so that the graveyard can be placed in shape for the usual exercises of decoration day.

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The Native Daughters.

Tuesday evening the Native Daughters had their installation of officers, the following being those installed, Miss Emma Boardman, the deputy district grand president being the installing officer:

Past president, Adelina Burpin; president, Annie Angove; 1st vice president, Mary Morrow; 2nd vice president, May Rose; 3rd vice president, Annie Hurst; marshal, Esther Turner; recorder, Emma Boardman; financial secretary, Annie Jackson; treasurer, Dorey Sanguinetti; inside sentinel, Flora Podesta; outside sentinel, Catherine Garbarini; organist, Alma Frances; trustees, Lena Glavinich, Margaret Kirkwood, Henrietta O'Neil.

Invitations had been issued by the members, each one being allowed one extra invitation. The lodge has a membership roll of over one hundred, though a great many of these are not in town, so that there were that many invitations issued. About one hundred and fifty were present, including the members and spectators. Early in the evening the lodge held a secret meeting at which they conducted the regular business, but about nine the doors were thrown open, and the installation took place. Appropriate remarks were heard from various ones. As soon as the services were finished the following program was rendered:

Selection by Owl orchestra; quartette, John Hoskins, Joe Phelps, Ed. Kay, Alex Ross; reading, Henrietta O'Neil; song and dance, Loretta Newman, recitation, Dr. Gibbons; solo, Julia Ginochio; remarks by D. D. G. P., Emma Boardman; selection by orchestra; piano solo, Rose Podesta; chorus.

After the program all repaired to the dance hall and enjoyed themselves for some time. A banquet was served after the dancing.

"Doan's Ointment cured me of eczema that had annoyed me a long time. The cure was permanent."—Hon. S. W. Matthews, commissioner labor statistics, Augusta, Ma.

Earl B. Hough Becomes Inventor.

Earl B. Hough, who is well known in this section through his connection with the Eilers Music Company of Stockton, has invented a patent valve arrangement for self-playing pianos, together with a big improvement on the endless roll device for the music. He has formed a company for the manufacture of the devices. The valve device is much simpler than that now in use on the self-playing pianos, and is not likely to get out of order. The device for the endless roll is much simpler and more effective than the one now in use.

To Organize New Lodge.

Henry W. Osborn, deputy supreme chief ranger of the Universal Order of Foresters, arrived in Jackson early this week, for the purpose of organizing a lodge of this order in this city. This is a fraternal annuity society, with headquarters in Los Angeles, where it started a few months ago, and has already extended to most of the large cities of the state. It offers accident benefits of \$2.50 per week upward, according to the amount of insurance taken out, also total disability benefits, and the full amount of certificate at death. Mr Osborn expects to remain here for several weeks. He has no doubt that a strong lodge can be organized here, and he will stay until it is fully started and in good working shape.

Engagement Announced

We take the following from the Sacramento Union of the 26th. The bride-to-be is a native of Jackson, and with her parents moved from this city to Sacramento about six years ago.

Mr and Mrs N. T. Littlefield announces the engagement of their daughter, Daisy Viroqua, and Edwin Bascombe Prideaux. The wedding will be quietly celebrated at noon on the 26th of February. Both young people are well known and popular. Miss Littlefield adds to a charming disposition, musical gifts of a high order, and as she has been generous with her talents, Sacramento audiences are familiar with the rich, sympathetic tones of her deep contralto voice. Mr Prideaux is connected with the firm of W. P. Fuller & Co., and also has a large circle of friends here.

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A BANK FAILURE.

The Sutter Creek State Bank Forced to Suspend.

Monday evening bank commissioner John C. Lynch, arrived from San Francisco, and the following morning the windows of the Sutter Creek bank were closed, probably for thirty days, or until the officers can show the authorities that certain securities the bank holds are of value.

Commissioner Lynch stated that the first intimation the bank commission had that there was anything wrong with this bank was in December, when that body called for a report from all the banks, showing all the liabilities and assets. This report was correct in every detail, but it showed that the bank held too much security of one concern, the Ames Manufacturing Company of Niles, a business recently formed by Jackson Dennis, who is also president of the Sutter Creek bank and the one in Niles. The bank commission has made it a rule that no bank shall have more depositors' money invested in any one concern than will amount to twenty per cent of the capital stock and surplus of the bank. This bank has exceeded that amount by more than \$15,000. Besides, the bank is supposed to have a certain percentage of the depositors' money on hand at all times. But probably because of money stringency the funds had fallen below this mark, though they have been increasing the cash on hand during the past week.

Mr Lynch went to Niles on Wednesday to look over the accounts of the bank there, in which Jackson Dennis is interested. He states that practically the same conditions exist there as in Sutter Creek, that they have too much of the depositors' money invested in one concern. After looking over the books of the Niles bank, he says that he will know better just what the conditions of this bank is, but as yet the bank is solvent. But if the market value of the stocks held by the Sutter bank are below what they are stated as being in the report, then the affairs of the bank look very dark. Jackson Dennis telephoned to Mr Lynch Tuesday that he would have sufficient cash here in a few days so that the bank could be opened before the thirty days were up.

The report has been current for some time that everything was not just right with the Sutter bank. It has been stated that business men of that town would send their personal checks to firms in the city in payment of bills of goods, and they would be returned to the merchant, because of the failure of the city banks to collect on them. But there was no run on the bank because it was thought that the nonpayment of the checks was due to the general scarcity of money. The failure of the Sutter bank will have no effect upon the other two banks of the county, as they had an inkling of its condition, and were not caught to any extent in the collapse.

To those who had any insight into the methods of this institution, the failure did not come in the nature of a surprise.

The bank has been in existence for something like fifteen years. It was started as a private bank by Jackson Dennis, and so continued until two or three years ago, when it was reorganized as the Sutter Creek bank, with a capital stock of \$30,000. Jackson Dennis was the president from the start, and the principal stockholder. About two years or so ago, the Niles bank was started, under the same president and managing head. About the same time, a brick company, lumber company and meat company were started at Niles, and the Ames Manufacturing Company was removed from Galt to Niles. According to reports, the various enterprises were flourishing, and held out the promise of making big profits.

The Sutter Creek bank did not secure a large amount of deposit funds. Business men of that town and vicinity banked there more for convenience, in the transaction of business, rather than security for their funds. A savings account was started to gather in deposits. Five per cent interest was the inducement offered, and many jumped at the bait. To the thinking man, this rate of interest amounted to a confession of weakness. Nevertheless all along the mineral belt, from Plymouth to Jackson, the alluring interest captivated. Children confided their little banks there, the parents hoping to accumulate a nice little sum by the time their offspring grew to manhood or womanhood.

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over the failure. But the impression prevails that it is a very bad smash-up, and that it is not likely to get on its feet again.

Joint Installation.

On Saturday evening, January 25, Jackson lodge, I. O. O. F. No. 36, and Rebekah lodge No. 50 held a joint installation. The officers of I. O. O. F. were installed by district deputy George Easton of Plymouth, as follows:

Noble grand, Stephen Caporcieh; vice grand, John Jeffery; right supporter noble grand, John Parson; left supporter noble grand, James Harvey; right supporter vice grand, Ernest Datson; left supporter vice grand Sidney Gerrans; financial secretary, Harvey Clark; treasurer, Wm. Penry; warden, F. M. Pense; conductor, John Moyle; right and left supporters, H. Weil and C. Begovich; outside guardian, Andrew Arsoviech; inside guardian, Steve Martich. After the installation Dr. C. H. Gibbons presented to W. M. Penry a handsome jewel in token of his 23 years continuous service as treasurer of the lodge, accompanying the presentation with a neat and appropriate speech.

Rebekah lodge officers were installed by district deputy Miss Grace Ross of Volcano as follows: Noble grand, Miss Maud Vandament; vice grand, Miss Lula Clark; recording secretary, Mrs Annie Clark; financial secretary, Miss Emma Boardman; treasurer, Mrs Kate Langhorst; warden, Mrs Mary Tregloan; conductress, Mrs J. Harvey; right supporter noble grand, James Parson; left supporter noble grand, Mrs J. Penry; right supporter vice grand, Mrs Lydia Pense; left supporter vice grand, Mrs Mary Buffington; outside guardian, Mrs Albertine Parson; inside guardian, Mrs J. Jeffery; Chaplin, Mrs Mary Folger.

After the ceremonies the company partook of a sumptuous banquet in the banquet hall.

Eastern Star Entertains.

Last Friday night occurred one of those events that are pleasant to record and still more pleasant to share. Mrs Edith Goodloe of Angels, D. D. G. matron of the order of the Eastern Star, made her annual visit of inspection, instruction and sisterly regard to Golden Star Chapter No. 66, of Jackson. Arriving early in the day from Sutter Creek, where similar duties had called her on Thursday, she was entertained by Mrs Addell Zumbiel, who is the presiding officer of Jackson Chapter.

Soon after eight the Masonic hall was well filled with those who have seen the beauties of the Star, and the mystic rites of the order held their attention until nearly twelve. A banquet then followed, which was a fitting finale to the important occasion, and each one present felt that the evening had been one of rare pleasure and profit. Mrs Goodloe left on the Saturday morning train.

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Hotel Arrivals

National.—Thursday. Wm D McIlvaine, Chicago; Chas. Lacebridge, Denver; W E Rutherford, Daniel Teare, San Francisco; Mrs C A Caswell, Oakland; Wm O Clough, Tulare co.

Friday.—H Silverstein, San Francisco; A S Kyland, Angels Camp; C F Adams, H F Adler, San Francisco.

Saturday.—N J Tolias, San Francisco; W J Showler, Sacramento; A G Menichik; Geo W Easton, M Rosenbaum, Plymouth.

Sunday.—Stewart Plintham, W T Squires, Sonora; A E Smith, Carbondale; W H Bixon, James Quinn, Consumes; Henry Schneider, Sacramento.

Monday.—N Hornberger, Amador; R S Clark, Charles Erickson, F J Solinsky, jr., J N Waters, San Francisco; Fred W Rothenbush, Stockton; H W Osborn, Modesto.

Tuesday.—V S Miner, Oakland; F B Winchell, R McKenzie, San Francisco.

Wednesday.—T G Lyons, R S Clark, San Francisco; V Arsey, Chicago; Burt Warren, Nick Charter, Sacramento; A E Poole, F Simpson, San Francisco; P J Littleton, Stockton; J A Burnett, Fresno.

Globe.—Thursday. F Soto and wife, Lancha Plana; W M Jones, Jas McBride, Sacramento.

Friday.—B Levaggi, Plymouth Henry Myers, Tom Mayon, Angels; Wm Fass, O W Carlson, P Calman, San Francisco; Grace H Ross, Volcano; G M Huffman, Michigan Bar; Chas Laurence and wife, Oleta.

Saturday.—F B Joyce, T Joyce, Defender; H Dean, Latrobe.

Sunday.—Chas Owen, Oleta; Perry Solars, Stockton.

Monday.—M Hammer, C C Prouty, J W Jones, C J Gregory, Mrs N Holbrook, Ione; F C Barnert, Wallace; C Bradshaw, G Grillo, Volcano; M Isaacs, Fayette Mace, Ione.

Tuesday.—P K Paul, E W Scovell, W Threfall, San Francisco.

Wednesday.—Chas Dwyer, Chinese Camp; T N Poshkovsky, San Francisco; Geo Harris, Clements; F Shealor, Angels.

Church Notes.

On Sunday February 2d, services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church as follows: The pastor will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock on "Christian life and conduct, our duty toward man;" at 7:30 o'clock on "Active religious principles." Sunday school at 2 p. m. and prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited.

Episcopal.—Jackson.—Every 1st and 3rd Sunday at 10:30 a. m., and every 2d and 4th Sunday at 7:30.

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Amador County Descriptive Article

Amador county comprises an area of 548 square miles. It lies on the western slope of Sierra Nevada mountains, and embraces within its territory all the diversity of valley, foothill, and high mountainous lands.

Climate.—The climate of the popular portions of the county is as genial and healthful as can be found anywhere in California. As climate is one of the most valuable assets of this favored state in attracting population, Amador stands second to no county in this regard. It should, and no doubt will in time, when its climatic advantages are more thoroughly understood and appreciated, become a health resort not only for those in less favored states, but for the residents of other parts of California. The temperature alone the central portion rarely falls below 30 degrees above zero in winter, and as rarely rises to 100 degrees in the summer. Snow seldom falls in the settled districts, and never remains on the ground for more than a few hours. Of course, in the high mountain regions of eastern Amador the snowfall is very heavy—which is characteristic of the entire Sierra Nevada range. The summer season is always accompanied with cool nights; permitting of sound, refreshing slumber. Fogs are rare, cyclones are unknown, thunderstorms are infrequent.

Gold Mining.—The county, although rich in other sources of wealth, comparatively untouched, is noted principally for her quartz mines. The deepest gold mines in America are located here. The Kennedy mine is now taking gold in liberal quantities from quartz extracted from a depth of over 2000 feet below the surface, with every indication that the pay-off extends to a much greater depth. Since the discovery of gold, the county has contributed fully \$100,000,000 to the world's supply of the precious metal. The mines are still yielding at the rate of about two million dollars annually. Nearly all of this wealth is produced by eight or ten mines operating on what is called the "mother lode," stretching clear across the county in a north-easterly direction a distance of twenty miles. The mines aggregate between 400 and 500 stamps, and furnish employment for over 1000 miners. This industry is still in its infancy. The unexplored territory, even along the main gold belt, is far in excess of the ground that has actually been worked or prospected. The county offers to-day one of the most inviting fields to be found anywhere in the world for the investment of capital in the fascinating business of gold mining, not alone along the mother lode, but also in the almost untouched mineralized country of the east belt, some ten or twelve miles from the main lode.

Besides gold, we have copper, deposits of pottery, coal, marble, slate, limestone, granite, and soapstone or talc—all undeveloped.

Agricultural Capabilities.—The agricultural possibilities equal, if not excel, the mineral riches. The valley lands will produce anything that can be grown in the most favored sections. In the foothill lands all kinds of deciduous fruits thrive; also all kinds of vegetable are raised where irrigation is practicable along the numerous water courses. Further up in the mountains, at an altitude of 2000 to 2500 feet, the soil is admirably adapted for apples and potatoes. A ready market for many times the quantity now raised of these commodities can be found in the various mining towns.

Grape culture and winemaking are becoming important industries, both the grapes and wine commanding a better price than the product of the lowland.

Land is cheap compared with other California lands. Improved farms may be secured for one-fourth the price current in some places. Unimproved lands can be had from \$5 to \$10 per acre. It does not require a fortune to buy a small ranch. There is room for a large addition to our agricultural population. Vast tracts now devoted to cattle ranges might be made the homes of hundreds of prosperous farmers.

Amador has a population of less than 12000. Three fourths of this is concentrated in a strip of three miles above and below the mineral belt.

Jackson, the county seat, has about 2500 inhabitants, and is an incorporated city of the sixth class. Other towns are Sutter Creek, Amador City, Drytown, Plymouth, Volcano, Pine Grove and Oleta. Ione City is the metropolis of the valley section, a thriving town of 1000 inhabitants.

The community is law-abiding. Educational facilities are excellent. A schoolhouse is within easy reach of nearly every family. There is one high school, located at Ione.

The assessment roll for 1907 is \$5.-800,793, and the tax rate for both state and county purposes \$2 on the \$100.

The Southern Pacific has a branch railroad running to Ione. From this point the Ione and Eastern railroad extends 14 miles further to the mining section.

The various religious denominations and fraternal organizations are well represented.

The power plant of the Standard Electric Co.—one of the largest in the world—is located four miles from Jackson.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 17, 1908.

There is likely to be a very thorough investigation of naval matters by the committee on naval affairs, including an inquiry into the truth of the recent published criticisms of naval construction. This investigation is likely to come in connection with the new naval bill introduced last week by senator Hale, chairman of the naval committee. It provides that all navy business shall be transacted by bureaus, all permanent boards being discontinued and the executive, prohibited from creating other staff officers, are to have actual title and rank, but are prohibited from holding command of any vessel, such command to be exercised only by line officers. Appointments of midshipmen from the naval academy are to be made in order of merit at graduation, not to exceed seventy-five in any one year. At the discretion of the president, officers can be retired, on their own request, after thirty years' service, and after forty years must be retired on application. Officers who have served as chiefs of bureaus shall be retired with the rank, pay and allowances authorized by law. Pay of all commissioned officers, warrant officers, midshipmen and pay officers in the navy and marine corps is increased twenty per cent and the pay of non-commissioned officers, petty officers, musicians and other enlisted persons in the navy and marine corps is increased forty per cent and such increase is exclusive of all additions in the form of allowances and commendations.

This bill gave occasion for reference to the recent episode resulting in the resignation of rear admiral Brownson, and senator Tillman expressed a desire that the committee hold an investigation. Senator Foraker desired the committee to ascertain what were the precedents on which were based the order placing a doctor in command of a ship, as, in his opinion, it is important to know the ground of such action. Demand was also made that the committee investigate as to the truth or falsity of the charges of faulty construction of naval vessels. There was an evident desire that the naval committee should go into the whole question of rivalry between the staff and the line, which was brought to a climax by the Brownson resignation. Senator Hale, chairman of the committee on naval affairs, gave fair promise that all these matters should be subjected to scrutiny, and that witnesses should be called. It is therefore quite certain that naval matters will receive a large share of the attention of congress this session.

Senator Perkins has introduced a bill to establish a light and fog signal at the outer end of the San Pedro breakwater at a cost of \$36,000. The light house board approves of such establishment, as the signal will be of use to coasters as well as to commerce to and from the harbor of Wilmington, which will spring up under the lee of the breakwater. It is expected that the breakwater will be completed in about a year. He has also introduced a bill for a light and fog signal at or near Punta Gorda, to cost \$60,000. This is also approved by the light house board.

The light house board has surveyed and marked out a plot of twenty-two acres at Point Sal for a light station, appropriation for which will be asked later on in the session. Work on the light and fog signal at Carquinez straits will be commenced soon, and an appropriation of \$10,000 will be asked for to establish a light and fog signal at Army Point, Suisun bay. Measures are being taken to secure title to the site for a light and fog signal at Point Cabrillo.

A bill has been introduced increasing the number of lighthouse districts to nineteen. The object of this is to create three new districts, one comprising Alaska, one our island possessions of Hawaii, Guam and the Samoan Islands, and one Porto Rico.

A bill has been introduced in the senate authorizing the president to establish grazing districts on the unreserved unappropriated public lands, which shall be under the charge of the secretary of agriculture, who will establish rules for their protection and for regulating their use for grazing purposes. Permits to graze shall cover not more than ten years, preference being given to homesteaders or occupants of the range who have improved ranches or who have provided water for live stock grazing on the public lands. Reasonable fees for such permits shall be collected. The government of the state or territory within which the grazing range is situated shall appoint a committee of four from the users of said range, which committee shall determine how permits shall be issued, to whom, and the total number of animals to be grazed. The lands shall be continually subject to homestead entry and other filings under all public land laws, and settlers, prospectors and others shall have free entry for all proper and legitimate purposes.

The value of lumber exported from Japan increased from \$1,533,000 in 1905 to \$4,343,000 in 1907 for sleepers, tea chests, timber and planks alone, the value of all kinds of wood being estimated at \$7,500,000. Japan imported from the Pacific coast only \$250,000 worth in 1906. The cause of this great increase in Japanese exports is the railroad and other building in Korea and Manchuria and the American demand for fine woods for cabinet work.

United States attorney Devlin has suggested that the California code be adopted by the government for the consular courts in China, and senator Perkins has placed this suggestion before the secretary of state, that department having jurisdiction over this court. At present, under the law, consular courts conduct proceedings under the common law, but as it is becoming more and more difficult to determine what the common law matters is, it is thought that all interests will be best served by the substitution of a code, and the California code by preference, as the greater part of the commerce between the United States and China passes through the hands of San Francisco merchants, who would come under the same law on both sides of the Pacific.

The annual report of the interstate commerce commission states that the gross earnings of railroads for the past fiscal year were \$2,585,913,000, averaging \$11,463 per mile of line. The gross earnings of the previous year were \$260,000,000 less, or \$10,460 per mile. The operating expenses for 1907 were \$1,746,087,000 or \$7,740 per mile. The net earnings were \$839,915,000 for 1907 and \$787,420,000 for 1906. In addition there was \$137,524,000 from other sources, making the total net increase for 1907, \$997,350,000. Out of this was paid in dividends over \$29,000,000 more than during the year 1906. This shows that the railway systems are in a healthy condition.

Senator Perkins has submitted to the senate resolutions of the California fruit growers' convention recently held in Marysville, calling for a national horticultural quarantine law. The matter will be taken up in the committee on agriculture, of which the senator is a member. He has also brought to the attention of the secretary of the interior the fact that there is a controversy between the United States and the state of California as to the lieu land for which California has overdrawn its account several hundred acres. In consequence there are many certificates outstanding for lands selected in lieu of other lands, but such lands have never been listed by the United States to the state, and patents can not be issued to the holders. An effort will be made to secure a settlement of this case.

The report of the secretary of war, just issued, shows 3,750 officers and 50,190 enlisted men in the army, a decrease for the year of 4,428. The secretary calls to public attention the fact that the number of soldiers who fail to reenlist is constantly increasing, showing that the life of a soldier is not such as to attract the most desirable class of enlisted men. Such a condition, he says, is radically wrong and should be corrected. It is found practically impossible to keep the enlisted strength up to the standard. Desertions are also growing in number. Last year there were 4,522 in the regular army. The report has this to say regarding the canteen: "The restoration of the canteen feature of the post exchange would operate for greater efficiency and greater contentment. This is not because of the desire of most men for intoxicants but because of the desire natural to grown men for the free exercise of their own judgment in matters left elsewhere generally to the judgment of their kind. The man of the necessary force for a successful soldier objects to treatment as a child."

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THE COAL SACK IN THE SKY.

It Is Visible Because It Contains Nothing That Is Visible.

Immediately below the lower stars of the group which forms the Southern Cross there is a black patch in the sky, dark, sack shaped and mysterious. Scientifically accurate astronomers explain that it is not a patch, but rather something which becomes visible by reason of the anomaly that it contains nothing that is visible.

The lay mind, preferring bald reality to abstract truth, is somewhat startled to learn that an object is seen because there is nothing in it to see, but no one can dispute the fact. The coal sack is visible because it contains nothing that is visible.

In other words, it is a vast hole in the stellar system in which there is not even a pinch of stellar dust to shed a flicker of luminosity. It is typically and absolutely the quintessence of blackness.

Because it is so, and in contradiction of all preconceived notions, the human eye can see it without the aid of a telescope or other instrument.

Between the stars of the Milky Way there are many little holes in the stellar system—little by comparison, that is to say—but one must have telescopes and patience to find them. One need only cross the line to the southern hemisphere and locate the Southern Cross in order to see the coal sack.

With the wealth of legendary tale and fable woven around the northern stars by the highly gifted races gazing on them through the ages that are gone one is tempted to speculate what tales would not have been constructed around that fathomless mystery had it appeared north instead of south of the equator.

When it rouses the poetical impulse within the brain of aboriginal Australians, what might it not have done with the ancient Greeks or still more ancient Egyptians? But they were denied it. The aboriginal uses it as he uses most things, in a topsy turvy fashion. To him the world is a flat plain crowned with a dome shaped roof.

When a man dies he has to go up to the roof and slowly journey over it until he can clamber down to the flat again and squeeze through, once more a man. The coal sack is the hole he goes through to get on to the roof, and to get up to it is a very long climb.

The journey over the roof is also very long, and it is hard to squeeze through when he reaches the flat again. So long does it take that by the time a man has completed the journey not only his hair, but his skin, has grown white with age.

Wherefore the black fellow who has made the journey rejoins his tribe as a white fellow. Thus it was that when the white man first came to the land the aborigines regarded him as a long lost comrade.—Macmillan's Magazine.

Biggest of All Animals.

The sulphur bottom—or blue whale, as it is better called by the Norwegians—is not only the largest living animal, but the largest that has ever lived, reaching a length of eighty feet or very rarely a little more. Whales grow much larger than this in books and newspapers, but in actual life not one in a dozen even of this species attains a length of eighty feet. The popular idea of a whale is that it is a clumsy animal, but, as shown by models, it has the graceful lines of a yacht. The total weight of a whale is about sixty tons, and unusually large and fat individuals must reach at least sixty-five tons. The largest animal of the past so far discovered is the great Dinosaur brontosaurus, and this big reptile weighed about thirty-eight tons.—Museum News.

DEEP SEA FISHING.

Quite as Much a Game of Chance as Politics or Poker.

You let down a heavy lump of lead and two big hooks baited with clams into thirty, forty or sixty feet of water. Then you wait until something nudges the line or until you suspect that the hooks are bare.

Then you give the line a quick jerk and pull in hand over hand, with more or less resistance, and see what you have drawn into the grab bag.

It may be a silly but nutritious cod, gaping in surprise at this curious termination of his involuntary rise in the world, or a silvery haddock, staring at you with round, reproachful eyes, or a pollock, handsome, but worthless, or a shiny, writhing dogfish, whose villainy is written on every line of his degenerate, chinless face.

It may be that spiny gargoyle of the sea, a sculpin, or a soft and stupid hake from the mud flats. It may be any one of the grotesque products of Neptune's vegetable garden, a sea cucumber, a sea carrot or a sea cabbage, or it may be nothing at all.

When you have made your grab and deposited the result, if it be edible, in the barrel which stands in the middle of the boat, you try another grab, and that's the whole story.

It is astonishing how much amusement apparently sane men get out of such a simple game as this. The interest lies, first, in the united effort to fill the barrel, and, second, in the rivalry among the fishermen as to which of them shall take in the largest cod or the greatest number of haddock, these being regarded as prize packages. The sculpin and the sea vegetables may be compared to comic valentines, which expose the recipient to ridicule.

The dogfish are like tax notices and assessments—the man who gets one of them gets less than nothing, for they count against the catcher. It is quite as much a game of chance as politics or poker. You do not know on which side of the boat the good fish are hidden.

You cannot tell the difference between the nibble of a cod and the bite of a dogfish. You have no idea of what is coming to you until you have hauled in almost all of your line and caught sight of your allotment wriggling and whirling in the blue water. Sometimes you get twins.—Scribner's.

Good Actions.

When we have practiced good actions awhile they become easy. When they are easy we take pleasure in them. When they please us we do them frequently, and then by frequency of act they grow into a habit.—Tillotson.

Corrected.

"Mamma, Mrs. Oldcastle just went wild over our new bust of Shakespeare when she was here this afternoon."
"Burst, my dear, burst. Mercy sakes, how can you use such slang? And you've been to Europe twice too!"—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Gracious Negative.

"The other day I got the politest turnaround," said a bond salesman, "that ever happened. I had been talking from 11 o'clock till almost noon to a man I'd known at college, trying to interest him in \$10,000 of what I considered very exceptional bonds. Finally he looked at his watch.

"'Bob,' he said, 'it's lunchtime.'

"'That's so,' I answered.

"'Bob,' he went on, 'if I buy those bonds will you take me out to lunch?'

"'Of course,' I said. 'Why, sure.'

"'Well, Bob,' he concluded, 'you'd better have lunch with me this noon.'

—New York Sun.

ITEMS WORTHY OF PERUSAL.

Saturday is the busy day of the London firemen. In ten years London had 3393 Saturday fires, against 3002 on Monday, the day they were least frequent.

In emigration Europe loses 960,000 natives every year, and in the same period 200,000 return.

The highest point to which man can ascend without his health being seriously affected is 16,500 feet.

In employments requiring quickness and dexterity of the hands women are far more valuable than men.

There are 8000 chemists in the United States, and a very large proportion of these are employed in industrial work.

Out of an average annual loss to the world's shipping of 2172 vessels, ninety-four are completely missing and never heard of again.

Reaping began on a field of wheat at Blockley, in Worcestershire, at 9 o'clock in the morning and was served as bread just sixty minutes after.

The value of the shipping passing through the Suez Canal in the course of the year is \$55,000,000, and the great bulk of this is English.

The largest percentage of organized workers is found in Denmark. Half of the population is unionized. Sweden is a close second, with Germany next.

There are now in Germany 116 cities with special schools for backward children. The total number of these schools is 203, and the number of pupils is 13,100. Berlin has thirty-one of these accessory schools.

The average sperm whale is about 59 feet long and weighs 140,000 pounds, and will yield 60,000 pounds of blubber (from which 48,000 pounds of train oil can be made) and 3000 pounds of whalebone.

A gigantic tray of solid silver, weighing more than 10,000 ounces, has just been made by a firm in London for an Oriental potentate. The tray is 7 feet in diameter and is said to be the largest ever executed; it has been in the hands of the workmen for over a year.

Technical clubs among the employees of large engineering offices are among the most useful means of keeping men interested in their work and acquainted with the problems that arise in other departments than their own. They are generally encouraged by the officers of such companies on account of this good influence.

Fire-killed timber is being used more extensively each year in the West for railroad ties, and where tried in the same track with ties cut green, has been found to be as good as the latter. Despite the fact that dead timber is often regarded as unsound, there are many tracts of it killed by fire fifteen or twenty years ago, that are still sound. The strength is not impaired, and the durability is often increased.

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

JACKSON VALLEY.

Jan. 22. —Vance Lucas is now working for the Kidd Bros'. He reports that the Camanche bridge is nearly ready to be crossed.

Mrs S. D. Sutliff, who has been quite sick for the past week is now on the improve.

Edwin Burris was a caller in Julian district last Sunday.

A. C. Miner made a flying trip to Clements and Lookford Tuesday on business.

Mr and Mrs Buhlert, are visiting their mother and father, Mr and Mrs Bonham.

Mr and Mrs A. C. Miner went to Martell station last Thursday, to see their little niece, Leola Luttrell, who is sick at the sanitarium.

Valentine Prouty, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is improving slowly.

Joe Kidd spent Monday with Mr and Mrs N. Foster at their home in Julian district.

Roy Bryant and Elsworth Alford spent Sunday with friends in Julian district.

IONE.

Jan. 24. —The rain is still our daily visitor.

Monday night a farewell party was tendered Miss Wood before her departure for her home in Oakland.

Miss Ruby Gleason was the guest of Mrs Walter Stewart last Thursday and Friday.

Miss Wood departed for her home last Tuesday, after a pleasant visit of several weeks with her cousin, Miss Hazel Prouty, of this vicinity.

Milton Zeihn, our enterprising tailor, made a flying visit to Sacramento the first of the week.

Mrs Fred Miller went to Jackson Wednesday, to be in attendance with her daughter Maude, who is quite sick.

There is to be a social dance in Souley's hall Saturday evening.

The Ione Rebekah Lodge held their installation Wednesday night, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all present.

Miss Lena Gartlin, teacher of the Union school, was the guest of her sister, Mrs Chas. Campbell, last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Lottie Miller came down from Jackson Thursday, to remain for a time. Her many friends are glad to see her smiling face again.

The Majestic Theatrical Company showed before a large audience in the Ione Pavilion Friday and Saturday night.

Mrs M. A. Boyd and daughters, who have been the guests of Mr and Mrs W. T. Eddy, departed for Sacramento last week.

Franco Sibole and Wayne McCall started out Wednesday morning with the expectation of bringing home a bag of ducks. We noticed the boys appeared on the scenes Wednesday night, "but ne'er a duck did we see."

The people who have been on the sick list are rapidly improving.

There is to be a game of basket ball between the Ione and Sutter Creek grammar schools Saturday afternoon.

Amiel Maroucci of Jackson, was a visitor in Ione last Sunday.

Miss Jennie Amick went to Jackson the first of the week to visit friends.

B. F. Cotton is a visitor in Ione this week. "I wonder what the attraction is?" Ioneite.

SUTTER CREEK.

Mr and Mrs Chas. Hendricks and family of Montana are here, the guests of Mr and Mrs J. Uglow, and will remain for a couple of months.

Miss Emma Boarman of Jackson, D. D. President of the N. D. G. W., was over Friday night and installed the officers of Amapola parlor No. 80, after which a most excellent banquet was served, and a most enjoyable time had. The officers installed were the present incumbents re-elected, and are all well fitted to their work, and start on their way with renewed inspiration for the new year.

Thursday evening Mrs Goodlow of Angels Camp, D. D. Grand Matron, O. E. S., visited Queen Esther Lodge in an official capacity. Regardless of the inclemency of the weather and the short notice of the lady's visit, the members were out in good attendance. Mrs Goodlow's remarks, etc., for the good of the order were received with interested attention, and the social hour and the dainty spread were most enjoyable.

Notwithstanding the rains and mud of Saturday evening, a small delegation of the brothers, about eight in number, of I. O. O. F. went to Jackson and attended the joint installation of that lodge and Rebekahs.

Mrs A. Venning of Amador City was in town Monday visiting friends.

Will Castle is here from Nevada, with Mrs Castle visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs S. J. Shealer has moved from the homestead near town, and will reside in town with her sister, Mrs Chas. Smith.

T. Delucchi, mixologist at the American hotel, and Miss Lottie Gillick, both of Volcano, slipped away and were married in Jackson Tuesday morning.

Miss Minnie Gray, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Dan Gray, formerly of this place, but now residing in Sacramento, was married to Chas. Mann on Dec. 31. Miss Minnie was raised in this county, is well known and has many friends who wish her success in her married life.

G. George is not quite certain, whether he is awake or dreaming, for his wife gave him a big surprise Tuesday morning, presenting him with a pair of lusty boy babies. Mother and babies are getting along fine.

Maurice Finn is here this week visiting his father and friends.

The Rev. Mr Pickard and wife entertained a number of their gentlemen friends Tuesday evening. Music and singing were the features of the evening.

Monday evening the home of Mrs Lena Berta was the scene of a merry gathering of the members of Diana Circle A. O. F. for the purpose of installing their officers, having given up their hall some time previous, and holding their meetings at Mrs Berta's. Mrs Christina Pharis installed the officers with much dignity, impressing the officers with the importance of the occasion, after which a dainty spread was enjoyed. Mrs Berta is a most enthusiastic worker of the order, and a good hostess, making the evening a pleasant one for all.

Chas. Johnson left Monday morning for Seven Troughs, Nev., and will remain for an indefinite time, being in the employ of the mines at that place.

Miss Maggie Lawlor returned to San Francisco Sunday morning after a short visit with her parents and family, and expects to shortly take a position in the city.

Miss Rose Lawlor has been confined to her home for several days, being quite ill. Mrs L. Ottinger is substituting in her place in the public school.

R. C. Merwin has been confined to his home for several days on account of sickness.

Mrs D. Fraser, who has been seriously ill, is convalescent. Her daughters, Mesdames Belle and Eva Adams, returned to their home in Redding this week.

Edward O'Neill, an old resident living in a cabin near Mrs Galarde below the Lincoln mine, was found dead Thursday evening in his cabin, and from all appearances must have been dead for several days, although the particulars are not yet known.

Some miscreant, man or boy, broke into the residence of Chas. Johnson last Sunday evening, while the family were at church, but nothing of value was taken, for the party was evidently looking only for money. Later in the evening the home of Mrs Fagan was entered, but here again nothing was gained. In both instances entrance was gained through a window. Everything was turned upside down in the search for money. The only traces left were the foot prints of the person in the mud. Some are inclined to think that it is a boy.

Sutterite.

PINE GROVE.

Jan. 28. —Wallace Wilson and wife took their departure to-day for Porth Crossing, Calaveras county, where he will resume his duties in the school room.

Mrs R. Luttrell returned home to-day accompanied by her daughter, Miss Leota, after spending a week at the Sierra sanitarium for the benefit of the young lady's health, and we are glad to learn of an improvement.

C. Bradshaw spent a couple of days at the county seat the first of the week, returning home Tuesday evening.

Henry Zumalt has purchased a home near Petaluma, whither his family will soon join him. While we regret to lose our old residents, we wish them success in their new field of labor.

Mrs Mary Crosby left for Jackson to-day. She has found employment at the Gwin mine, and will go there later.

They are preparing to work the Grass Valley grave mine again. Manuel Santirto is getting everything in readiness.

Rev. John Appleton has gone to San Francisco, to attend the interdenominational missionary convention which convenes at that place to-morrow, and closes on Saturday evening. Alpha.

PLYMOUTH.

Jan. 28. —Scientists hold that denuding land of timber is detrimental to the land and the surrounding country by drying up of the springs and the moisture generally. We have a case in hand that disposes of this theory entirely, whether it will do for a criterion to go by we are not saying, but it is a fact, that we know of a piece of land, three or four hundred acres, that was heavily timbered fifty years ago, that has been entirely denuded of everything, the milling timber has been made into lumber and the small timber and

underbrush have been cleared off so as to make it available for pasture and raising grain and hay. And now in the hottest and driest part of the year there is five or six times as much water running from the springs as there was before it was cleared off. This we know to be a fact, and we can substantiate the same by living witnesses. Perhaps it has never been suggested to the scientific gentlemen that perhaps that from ten to fifty, and sometimes one hundred large trees and a great many small ones on an acre of land would absorb more moisture than the sun would after the land was cleared off. At all events in this case the verdict is against the timber, and we think investigation of all similar cases will show similar results.

Old and Mrs Pub. have been sick all the year with the exception of one day. We were taken sick on the second day of the year, and have held our own pretty well up to date. We are improving now, and if nothing turns up we will pull through this time.

The Burke family are on the improve. The Bryant Wells family also.

The oldest inhabitant, not even old Lo, has ever seen so mild a winter as the present. The warm weather and the warm rains of December and January have pushed along the feed beyond all conception, and consequently prevented several thousand head of stock from dying from hunger and put millions of money in the pockets of the stockraisers. As we have said before, the summer fallow was short. So has been the winter fallow, and I fear that there will be a short acreage unless we get a long spell of good weather in February.

The Ledger seems to think that the wild geese have a notion that the spring is about to open up. If those wild geese go back to their summer resort this time of year, I will bet that they will get fooled a little bit. They sometimes do.

We understand that the ball given last Saturday night for the benefit of the band boys was a success, both socially and financially.

Robert I. Davis, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Davis, died at the home of his parents in Shenandoah valley on Monday last, of consumption. He had been afflicted for the past two years. His fatal illness is believed to have started from an injury received while playing baseball about two years ago. He was struck in the back, and while to all outward appearance the injury healed up, it is supposed that the injury was communicated to the lung. He was never a well man afterward. Deceased was the youngest of a large family, consisting of six sons and one daughter, and was the first to be stricken by the hand of death. He was born in Shenandoah valley, and was a member of Forest parlor N. S. G. W. The funeral was held on Wednesday, the remains being interred in the Plymouth cemetery.

Say, is it a fact that it is optional with the Mikado of Japan to send as many or as few of his subjects as he pleases to the United States.

Old Pub.

William Williams of Grass Valley, is here visiting the family of W. J. Nettle.

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MARRIED.

DELUCCI-GILLICK.—In Jackson, January 28, 1908, by Judge Kus, Antone Delucchi and Lottie Gillick, both of Plymouth.

GREGORY-HOLBROOK.—In Jackson, at the M. E. parsonage, January 27, 1908, by the Rev. T. H. Nicholas, Charles J. Gregory to Mrs N. N. Holbrook, both of Ione.

CHOROVICH-DABOVICH.—In Jackson Jan. 30, 1908, by the Rev. T. N. Poshkovsky of San Francisco, Mackin Chorovich and Miss Stanor Dabovich, both of Jackson.

SETENCICH-RADANOVICH.—In Jackson, Jan. 30, 1908, by Rev. Poshkovsky, Vlado Setencich and Drage Radanovich, both of Jackson.

KAVACEVICH-SAVICH.—In Jackson, Jan. 30, 1908, by Rev. Poshkovsky, Golub Kavacevich and Soke Savich, both of Jackson.

DIED.

PERLANDA.—At the Sierra Sanitarium, January 28, 1908, Louis Perlenda, a native of Austria, aged 49 years.

DAVIS.—In Shenandoah valley, January 26, 1908, Robert I. Davis, a native of California, aged 29 years.

DWYER.—In Jackson, January 29, 1908, Patrick Dwyer, a native of Ireland, aged 83 years.

McLANE.—In the county hospital, January 24, 1908, James McLane, a native of Scotland, aged 84 years.

BERNECICH.—Near Jackson, January 31, 1908, Giovanni Bernecich, aged 58 years, a native of Austria.

O'NEILL.—In Sutter Creek, Edward B. O'Neill, aged about eighty-three years. The remains were found in his cabin there on Jan. 30.

Notice of Assessment.

Jose Gulch Mining Company, a corporation, duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the law of the state of California, having its office and principal place of business at Butte Basin (Jackson post office), Amador county, California, and its property and works at the same place.

Notice is hereby given that, at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Jose Gulch Mining Company, held on the 6th day of January, 1908, an assessment of five (5) cents per share was levied on the subscribed capital stock of the above named corporation, payable on or before the 7th day of February 1908, to the secretary of the said corporation, J. P. Little, at Butte Basin, (Jackson post office), Amador county, California.

Any stock on which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 7th of February, 1908, will be delinquent and will be advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made of the assessment with accrued costs before the 2nd day of March, 1908, said delinquent stock will be sold on that day (March 2nd, 1908, to pay the delinquent assessment together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale.

J. P. LITTLE,
Secretary of the Jose Gulch Mining Company.
Office at Butte Basin, (Jackson post office), Amador county, California.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Petchen*

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878— Notice for Publication. 2149

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John Carver, of Pine Grove, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2149, for the purchase of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, of Section No. 22, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 14 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the U. S. Commissioner for Amador county, at his office in Jackson, Calif., Monday, the 17th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: L. W. Jones, Frank Primo, B. Henson and W. J. Davis all of Pine Grove, Calif.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 17th day of Feb. 1908.

JOHN F. ARMSTRONG, register.
Not coal land.

First publication Dec. 6, 1907.

Timber Land Act June 3, 1878— Notice for Publication. 2074

United States Land Office, Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 4, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1892, John A. Tonzi, of Ione, county of Amador, State (or Territory) of California, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement, No. 2074, for the purchase of the Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 7 N., R. 13 E., and SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, of Section No. 32, in Township No. 8 N., Range No. 13 E., M. D. M., and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the register and receiver at U. S. Land Office in Sacramento, Calif. on Tuesday, the 11th day of Feb., 1908.

He names as witnesses: T. Gebhart, C. Henderson and A. E. Tonzi of Ione, Calif., and Bert Martin of Amador City, Calif.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 11th day of Feb. 1908.

JOHN F. ARMSTRONG, register.
Not coal land.

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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Samuel W. Bright deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, Carleton T. Bartlett, administrator of the estate of Samuel W. Bright, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within ten months after the first publication of this notice to the said administrator, at the office of Robert C. Hole, Esq., Brown Building, Court street, Jackson, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said Amador county.

Dated, January 10, 1908.
CARLETON T. BARTLETT,
Administrator of Estate of Samuel W. Bright, deceased.

Robert C. Hole, Attorney for administrator.

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TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL

This table gives the highest and lowest temperature in Jackson for each day, together with the rainfall, as recorded by self-registering instruments kept at the Ledger office:

Date.	Temp.	Rain.	Date.	Temp.	Rain.
L. H.			L. H.		
Jan. 1, 1908	31	64.0.06	Jan. 17	40	62
2	32	73	18	47	63.0.13
3	35	61	19	37	70
4	38	63	20	30	48
5	20	66	21	43	60.0.71
6	28	70	22	41	63.0.04
7	24	73	23	48	59
8	28	73	24	36	50.0.48
9	31	72	25	36	55.0.35
10	31	50	26	33	72.0.03
11	38	73	27	33	60
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Total rainfall for week.....0.33 inches
Total rainfall for season to date...10.13 inches
To corresponding period last season 32.88 "

LOCAL NEWS

J. F. Wilson, Dentist, Hours 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Phone—Office, black 444; residence, black 394; Jackson.

James McLane, who has been an inmate of the county hospital since last July, died in that institution last Friday, after an attack of grippe and other complications. During last summer he tried to commit suicide in his cabin above the Standard Electric power plant by severing an artery in his wrist. He was discovered in time to save his life, and was brought to the hospital, where he has been ever since until his death. He has acted strangely at various times, although not considered dangerous. Shortly before Christmas he made his escape from the hospital, and wandered away several miles. He was found in a cabin with his clothing partly burned off, by lying in too close proximity to a fire.

On the 14th of February Dr. Gibbons of this city, who spent seven years in Alaska, will lecture in Love's hall on Alaska, its climate, mines, resources, etc., and his lecture will be beautifully illustrated by stereopticon views. Dr. Gibbons lectured on Alaska in the East, and has very flattering clippings from prominent newspapers about his lecture. It will be given for the benefit of St. Augustine's Episcopal church on February 4, at 8 o'clock in Love's hall, Jackson. Admission 25cts. Reserved seats 35cts. at Spagnoli's Drug Store. Don't miss this fine lecture.

M. L. Smith Notary Public and Stenographer, Court St., Jackson, Telephone black 413.

Two brothers of Owen Fallon arrived from Colorado Springs last Tuesday morning. They reached Sacramento Tuesday, and in some way missed the train that would enable them to reach here that night. So they drove all night by private conveyance, and got here at four o'clock Tuesday morning. They came to attend the funeral of their deceased brother on Wednesday.

A marriage license was issued by the county clerk of Sacramento on Monday January 27, 1908, authorizing the marriage of John Yager, aged 30, and Myrtle Barnett, aged 20, both of Ione.

Miss Lila Feller went to San Francisco last Friday, accompanied by Dr. Phillips, for the purpose of being treated at some hospital in the city for an affection of the knee joint, from which she has suffered for a long time.

Wm. J. McGee's law office is now in the Grant building, rooms 413 and 414, at the corner of 7th and Market. Tel. Market 79. N294t

N. K. Moon, familiarly known as Doc. Moon, who lives in a cabin at Murphys ridge, by the Red Cloud mine, sustained a fall last week, causing a bad injury of three ribs. Neighbors found him in a suffering condition, and had him removed to the county hospital, where he is now getting along nicely toward recovery.

Dr. E. L. Phillips office is at his residence, on Hamilton tract, opposite California hotel.

Miss Grace Folger, who has been employed in the post office at Vallejo as an assistant, came up Saturday last on a vacation of a month to visit her mother.

Ed. Mogolinsky, traveling agent for the Eiler music company of Stockton, spent a number of days in town last week, this being part of his regular annual run. While here he installed a couple of automatic pianos, besides supplying several private homes with the usual piano.

Robert I. Kerr, who went to Angels last week, to visit with his sister in that place, returned the first of the week.

The store of B. C. O'Neil was opened for retail business last Monday. It is in charge of George Dornan, who is disposing of the stock for the benefit of the creditors, selling in quantities to suit customers at a slight reduction on regular prices. It was decided by those concerned that this plan would realize more for the creditors than any other way.

The funeral of Owen Fallon, who died at Martells on the 23rd instant, was held on Wednesday last, January 29th. Deceased was a native of California, aged 42 years 2 months and 9 days. He was a member of Amador parlor No. 17, N. S. G. W. Services were conducted in the Catholic church, and the remains were escorted to their last resting place in the Catholic cemetery by his brother members of the Native Sons, and a large procession of other mourners.

Supervisor Strohman has been making some repairs on the county road this side of the Mountain Spring house. He has had a lot of "bigger heads" collected and thrown into the road.

Morris Finn, who has spent the past month in this city and in Sutter Creek, returned yesterday morning to Sacramento, as his business affairs have demanded his presence there.

Father Dermody of Sutter Creek was a passenger Monday morning for Sacramento, from which place he will go to Placerville. He intended to return last evening.

For the past couple of weeks the stage has been getting into Jackson very close to its schedule time, the train from the city arriving in Galt on time.

Dan Murphy was in town for the first time last Monday after undergoing a serious surgical operation over a month ago for rupture. He is doing nicely.

Jos. Dufrene made arrangements last Tuesday to sell his timber land in the vicinity of Ham's station to parties interested in the extension of the I. and E. railroad to the timber belt. He retained a few acres comprising the station itself and the buildings connected therewith.

Mr. Erickson and others interested in the I. and E. road were in Jackson last Monday, and we understand made a trip to Volcano and the timber lands beyond. The project of extending the road to the timber has by no means been abandoned. The purchase or bonding of timber land is being pushed, with the view of furnishing freight for the road, and also to secure the lands at the nominal prices now prevailing, as there will unquestionably be a decided jump in such real estate whenever the extension scheme takes practical shape.

The snow fall in the mountains is reported very light this season. There is about three feet at Bear river, and five or six feet at Blue Lakes.

Miss Millie Peak is confined to her bed from a severe attack of the grippe, complicated with asthmatic trouble. Mrs. Peak is also still very ill.

Tuesday morning Tony Delucchi and Miss Lottie Gillick came down from Volcano and applied for a marriage license. But they had forgotten to bring the written consent of the mother with them, for Miss Gillick is only seventeen years of age. This was arranged by getting her consent over the phone. Judge Rust performed the ceremony after which they returned to Volcano.

Army of Unemployed.

The state of the local labor market today is in striking contrast to the condition of affairs that prevailed six months ago, or up to the time of the recent financial stringency. Then it was difficult to hire any one to do any kind of manual labor, on account of the scarcity of men, or rather of the superabundance of work for them. But with the panic everything has taken a tumble. Now men are traveling over the country on the lookout for work. Men are chasing for jobs, instead of jobs hunting men. Not for many years have there been so many tramps traveling through Amador, many of them packing their blankets, seeking employment, as at the present time. Some of the mines around this city report from twenty to twenty-five applicants per day. On the ranches the same thing prevails. During the summer it was next to impossible to get woodchoppers. There was no lack of wood, but the schedule demanded by the woodchoppers was deemed absolutely prohibitory. Hence the scarcity of stove and cord wood in these parts. Now the farmers can get all the choppers they want at reasonable rates.

It is true that some of the applicants are irrevocably wedded to the tramp fraternity. The wandering, listless spirit has captured them so that they are powerless to overcome it. This habit grows on a man just the same as the drink or drug habit, holding its victim relentlessly within its grasp. This was exemplified a few days ago on a farm a few miles from Jackson. A stranger was given a job at cutting wood. He was informed he could have employment all winter. After working a few days he wanted to draw a few dollars on account to buy clothes. The amount asked was given him. He went off, and stayed away several days. When he returned he was still without the new togeneity that he went to buy. But he set to work again, and was given another chance. In a short time he again applied for money, saying that he never did work in one place for more than a month at a time anyway, no matter how good a job he might have. So off he went to gratify his irresistible wandering appetite.

Chris Marella returned the first of the week from the bay cities. Miss Luey Eudey came up Monday from Oakland, to visit with her brother, Fred Eudey and family. The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church has called upon Mrs. Endicott, Mrs. Laughton, Mrs. Bole and Miss Emma Boorman to arrange for some entertainment in the near future. The date and feature will be announced later.

Last night three vags were taken up by the officers and lodged in the county jail on the charge of disturbing the peace of the town. They had been warned to be quiet but persisted in raising a disturbance. One of the girls from across the creek and her man were also taken up for parading the streets in an intoxicated condition. The woman put up \$25 bail and was released.

George Roberts was quite severely injured last night in one of the drifts of the Kennedy mine. He has charge of a drilling machine and was stooping over, when a large rock fell on him, knocking him down. It knocked his wind out for the time being, but thought that he was not badly hurt, though he came to the surface immediately, and walked all the way to the Globe hotel where he is stopping. It was found on examination that a rib had been torn from his back. It is feared that he is hurt internally.

Dr. Phillips and family returned from the city last night.

Joe Gluckfeld returned from the city Wednesday, after spending a couple of weeks there.

Mrs. Clough arrived last evening from Pacific Grove, to visit with her daughter, Mrs. Joe Phelps.

Enrico Burgin sprained his ankle while playing on the school ground one day this week, and has been confined indoors and under the doctor's care since the accident.

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Dies at the Sanitarium.

Louis Perlanda, who for an number of years has kept the Perlanda saloon in the Sanguinetti block, died last Monday at the Sierra sanitarium. While he had been a sufferer from miners' consumption for many years, the close of life came rather sudden and unexpected. He had a room at the Exchange lodging house kept by John Chinn, where he has roomed for a long time. On Wednesday of last week he complained of pains across the back and was so bad that he was confined to his bed. He was urged to send for a doctor, but was disinclined to do so. After being bedridden for two days, he seemed to be getting worse, and a medical man was summoned. This was on Friday morning, and the physician saw at once that he was in a very critical condition. He was removed the same morning to the sanitarium near Martells, where he might get careful nursing by trained attendants. It was a hopeless case, as the lungs were in such a flid-up hardened condition from that insidious disease, miners' consumption, that the end was simply a question of a few hours.

He was held in high esteem by his Austrian countrymen, and when it became known that he was dangerously ill visitors flocked out to the sanitarium in great numbers on Sunday to inquire about his condition, for of course they were not permitted to enter the sick chamber. He was conscious up to within a short time of the end, and passed away early Monday morning.

The body was brought to his sister's residence in Jackson the same day. Deceased was a native of Austria, aged about 49 years. He leaves a brother and a married sister, both residents of Jackson.

For the greater part of his life deceased had been a great sufferer. When a young man he worked in one of the mines around here, the Zeila we believe. While so employed he met with an accident, sustaining a fracture of the leg. This was about 25 years ago. The limb failed to reunite properly, and caused him a great deal of pain through life. Years afterwards he had it broken and reset. Some years thereafter he was a victim of a capsiz, in which he again sustained an injury of the lame leg. About two years ago he entered the German hospital in San Francisco, where the limb was amputated at the thigh. He was a universal favorite on account of his genial ways, patient endurance of suffering, and strict integrity of character.

The funeral took place Wednesday afternoon, from the residence of his brother-in-law, John Baun on Center street. The obsequies were conducted under the auspices of Kathbone Lodge K. of P., of Jackson, of which lodge the deceased had long been an honored member. Interment was in the Protestant cemetery. His brother members of the Knights of Pythias turned out in a body, as well as a long procession of private citizens, to pay the last silent tribute of respect for the departed. Rev. T. H. Nicholas of the M. E. church conducted the services.

Bank of Amador County.

The board of directors of the Bank of Amador County held their annual meeting in the bank building in this city on Tuesday last. All the directors were present, namely: W. F. Detert, J. Chichizola, C. R. Downs, V. Brignole, B. F. Taylor, A. Ginochio, W. J. McGee, A. Grillo and C. L. Culbert. J. Chichizola was re-elected president; A. Ginochio, vice president; C. L. Culbert, cashier and manager.

J. Chichizola, B. F. Taylor and C. L. Culbert were elected committee on finance.

The following is a statement of the affairs of the bank at the close of business on January 27, 1908:

Assets.	
Loans and investments	\$325011.01
Bank premises, furniture etc.	7838.35
Cash on hand and sight exchange	184743.58
Other Assets	915.88
Total	\$518508.82
Liabilities.	
Capital paid up	\$30000.00
Surplus and individual profits	37619.25
Due depositors	450039.30
Other liabilities	850.27
Total	\$518508.82

At the Opera House.

The coming attraction will be the sensational scenic production Denver Express. This play, although a melodrama, is one of the better kind. The story of the play is one of intense human interest, a story that appeals to every heart; the comedy is of that bright, quick kind that makes one forget their troubles, and the scenery is the finest ever carried with an organization of this kind. The Denver Express will be at Love's hall, tomorrow, Saturday, Feb. 1st.

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DOCUMENTS RECORDED.

The following instruments have been filed for record in the recorder's office since our last report. We publish a complete list of documents recorded, and must decline to accede to any request to suppress any document from these columns. Don't ask us to do so.

Deeds.—Eunice H. Farnham to Charles H. Farnham 107,995 acres 27-8-11, \$10.

Mathilda Nichols to C. P. Vicini, 80 acres 25-6-11, \$10.

Mary K. and C. W. Swain to Alice M. Ray, portion of block 44 in Ione, \$10.

Alice M. Ray to Abby C. Gordon, portion of block 44 in Ione, \$10.

Eunice H. Farnham to Ella Burke and Harriet B. Frazier, land in 27 and 34-8-11, also lot 6 block 2 Fiddletown, deed of gift.

Wm. Eddy to Avis Eddy, lot 23 block 22 and east half of lot 14 block 22, Sutter Creek, gift.

R. E. Horton to Annie I. Horton, 160 acres in 14-5-10, \$10.

Elizabeth V. Goodwin to Jefferson D. Goodwin, 40 acres in 26-8-11, 80 in 27-8-11, and 35 in 34-8-11, gift.

Mrs. Maria E. Martin to Flora H. Longhead, 80 acres 28-7-9, \$10.

Ettie Maud & Leonard W. Jones to Amador County Lumber Co., 40 acres in 23-8-14, and 120 acres in 24-8-14, \$10.

Martin Radonich to Paul and Nicholas Guernolis, 200 acres in 9-7-11, 200 acres 10-7-11.

Bill of Sale.—R. E. Horton to Annie I. Horton, 18 head of cattle, 20 head of sheep, 4 horses, implements, etc., and 160 acres in 14-5-10, \$10.

Eunice H. Farnham to Ella Burke and Harriet B. Frazier, all household furniture and personal effects in the house on the "Farnham Ranch" near Oleta, gift.

Mortgages.—Ida M. and Frank Thornton to G. Podesta, \$1500 five years with interest at 7 per cent, secured by 78 acres in 1-4-5.

Rachele and Matteo Luscia to Lorenzo Marre, \$200, one year 9 per cent, secured by part of lot 2 block 18, Sutter Creek.

Abby C. Gordon to Alice M. Ray, \$350, three years without interest, payable in monthly installments, secured by portion of block 44 in Ione. Satisfaction of Mortgage.—D. C. Churchman to Sylvia and Robert Hansen.

Lorenzo Marre to Rachele and Matteo Luscia.

Location of Water Rights.—John W. Jones, 50 inches south fork of Mule creek, for irrigating purposes on land in 18-6-10.

Mining Locations.—James Hibbard et al, gravel claim 40 acres, Robinson district.

Proof of Labor.—H. D. Emerson on claim of Jackson Gold Mine and Milling Co., Jackson township.

John Ross jr., Occident Annex quartz claim, Sutter Creek district.

California Gas & Elec. Co. on Anna DeRoy mine, Volcano district.

F. B. Joyce on Honolulu Lady, Tom and Dick, North Defender and Defender quartz claims, Volcano district.

E. M. Gillick on Spring Hill placer and Stud Horse quartz claims, Volcano district.

John McKelvey on Belmont quartz claim, Volcano district.

Patent.—U. S. to Martin Radovich N E ¼ of N W ¼ of 9-7-11.

Certificate of Redemption.—Thos. H. Day & Son, \$13.91 delinquent taxes of 1898 on mining claim in 33-7-12.

More Seeds.

By the favor of Senator Perkins, the Ledger office has just received another consignment of seeds from the agricultural department, for free distribution. Each package—and there are 100 packages—contains five packages of vegetable seeds, namely, beans, lettuce, radish, cucumber and tomato. Any person who has use for the seeds can have a package on application at the Ledger office.

SUPERIOR COURT

PROCEEDINGS

HON. R. C. RUST, JUDGE.

Estate of Altie M. Barney.—Continued until February 1.

Estate of Thomas M. Anderson.—Final account settled, and decree of distribution granted.

Estate of John McCulloh.—Order appointing John G. McCulloh executor. Notice to creditors ordered published. Order made authorizing executor to sell certain personal property.

Estate of Domenico Podesta.—Order made that due notice of petition for probate of will has been given. Will admitted to probate. Mary Fox appointed administratrix with will annexed, upon filing bond of \$6000.

Estate of William C. Koop.—Proof that due notice has been given. Frank Walker appointed administrator upon filing bond of \$200.

M. Butler vs. Wm. and Jasper Phillips. Trial set for Feb. 13.

T. Clauson vs. Wm. and Jasper Phillips. Trial set for Feb. 13.

Bank of Amador Co. vs. E. C. Rust, W. M. Penry and Wm. Penry jr. Trial set for Feb. 12.

Leonard Holbrook vs. Norma M. Holbrook. Final decree of divorce granted.

F. Cassinelli vs. John H. Spring. Trial set for Feb. 10.

Alex Menchini vs. John H. Spring.—Trial set for Feb. 10.

A. C. Ramazzotti vs. Wildman Con. Mining Co. et al.—Demurrer overruled, ten days to answer.

G. B. Vicini to Annie E. Allen.—Continued until April 7.

Estate of S. W. Bright.—Order confirming sale of personal property.

New Cases.

Estate of Ruby Josephine Mace.—Fayette Mace petitions for letters of administration. Deceased died on the 16th of March 1902, leaving real estate consisting of 40 acres in section 15 township 7 range 13, valued at \$500. The heirs are Fayette Mace and Carrie Mace, father and mother of deceased, residing at Ione; Ivy A. Yarrington of Ione, Benj. H. Mace of Defender and Fayette Mace, jr., also of Defender. February 1st appointed for hearing.

Estate of Percy Byron Mace.—Fayette Mace, father of deceased, petitions for letters. Deceased died on the 9th of August 1896, leaving real estate consisting of 160 acres in section 20 township 6 range 10, valued at \$500. The heirs are the same as in the above case of Ruby J. Mace. February 1st appointed for hearing.

Estate of Annie E. Allen.—Will admitted to probate. E. Allen appointed executor.

Unclaimed Letters.

Sec. of Board of Trade, Tripo Dangubich (3), Mrs. Elena Devenport, Ferretti Eugenio, Arthur Holstein, (p. c.), Magnani Massimo, Frank Matulich, L. J. Maloy, William Newton (2), Enrico Simoncini, J. A. Starkey, Preo N. Vlatkovic, Tomo Vukovich.

Notice to Creditors,

In the superior court of the county of Amador, state of California.
Estate of Domenico Podesta, deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administratrix of the estate of Domenico Podesta, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix at the law office of Wm. C. Snyder, at Jackson, Amador county, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said Amador county. Dated, Jan. 28, 1908.

MARY J. FOX,
Administratrix of the estate of Domenico Podesta, deceased.

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Currants, best, 2 packages	.25
Citron peel, per pound	.20
50 pound sack Flour	1.35
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5 Pound Package Mush	.25
Golden Drip Syrup, per gallon	.60
Imperial Olive Oil	.60

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At the gravel claim now being worked by the McSorley Bros., and E. Stocker and owned by S. L. Davidson of this place, an unusual large clean-up was made this week. In two days they took out \$108 and in one pan there was \$65, also four pieces valued at \$80 was found. The gold is very heavy, some nuggets having a value of \$25. There is not a doubt in the world but what gravel beds of equal richness still lie untouched in this neighborhood awaiting the pick of the prospector. If such a find was made in the Nevada country the news would be spread broadcast and prospectors and mining promoters would be flocking in and mines opened up on all sides. But no such luck for this section, where it can truthfully be said that as far as mines are concerned, both placer and quartz, some of the richest in the world have been discovered, and where still are mines that with a little capital, coupled with a little energy and enterprise, could be made to pay well for a long time to come. Come now promoters with capital, let us hear from you, and show the world that old Calaveras, and especially Mokelumne Hill, is still an unknown quantity in so far as her mineral wealth is concerned.—Calaveras Chronicle.

The superior court held a night session Thursday in order to rush along the Everett case so as to get through this week. The case is long draw out, and up to the time of going to press the state has not yet completed its testimony.—Prospect.

Miss Lizzie Martin an 18 year old Red Lion girl, has devised a finger-nail pen, with which she does all her letter writing. The sight of an old quill pen gave Miss Martin the idea of allowing the nail of the index finger of her right hand to grow to a proper length. The nail was then trimmed to the shape of a pen and split. The girl declares that aside from its novelty the new pen is a decided improvement over the ordinary sort.—Prospect.

Doctor Roberts will soon have delivered to Angels, two dozen Hungarian partridges, to be distributed at suitable places throughout this section of Calaveras. These birds are being sent here by the state game commissioners. They are said to be a choice game bird in European countries and are about twice as large as a mountain quail. It is stated the birds will do well in almost any climate and their introduction and propagation is to be interestingly anticipated. This will be the first "jerk back" of any of the funds paid out by our hunters for gun licenses and is to be appreciated.—Prospect.

Mrs. Joaquina Noriega, a pioneer woman of Calaveras county passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. Charlotte Gollschalk in San Andreas, last Monday morning, after a period of illness incident to old age. Mrs. Noriega was born in Mexico, August 26, 1826, and came to California in 1850, locating first at Lancha Plana. After a short residence there she moved to Petersburg on the Calaveras river and then to San Andreas in 1856. Since the latter date she has been a resident of this place. She leaves two surviving daughters, Mrs. Y. Preciado of Madera and Mrs. A. V. Gottschalk of San Andreas, a large number of grand children and three great grand children.—Prospect.

The mines of Josiah Phillips that were sold by the sheriff of Mariposa county under a foreclosure of mortgage realized only \$700. They were valued at many times that figure. They were known as the Horseshoe Bend.—Banner.

A patent for the perpetual calendar has been received by Richard, Inch from the United States.—Sonora Banner.

Rufe McCoy who has been lying at the point of death for the past ten days is making a heroic struggle against the inevitable, and his condition remains unchanged.—Galt Gazette.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co. doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of One Hundred Dollars for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1886.

A. W. Gleason, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.

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Quarter Million Damage Suit.

S. L. Bright as trustee of the Dutch Mining and Milling Co., filed suit in the superior court this Friday morning against the Rawhide Gold Mining Co. for \$250,000 damages and for judgment that defendants and agents be perpetually restrained from trespassing on the Dutch mine and extracting ore therefrom.

The complaint alleges that defendant has sunk a shaft on the Rawhide mine adjoining the Dutch on the southeast and by means of levels, drifts and stopes, has been for the last two years unlawfully extracting ore from the Dutch ground to the extent of some 20,000 tons.

Harding and Moore of San Francisco are attorneys for plaintiffs.

The Rawhide Mining Co. recently filed a similar suit against the Dutch Co., which alleged that the latter company had extracted 20,000 tons of ore from the Rawhide ground, and asked \$150,000 damages for same.—Tuolumne Independent.

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McGee Returns From Eastern Trip.

Wm. J. McGee, who has just returned from New York, says the financial conditions in the East are greatly improved; that the banks have begun to make loans again. It is generally thought the worst is over, but it may be many months before the country gets over the effects of the recent crisis. Mr. McGee returned via Washington and New Orleans. Mrs. McGee remained in Boston for a visit with her mother and her daughter, who is studying music in the Boston conservatory.

Mr. McGee was asked after being East and seeing conditions, what he thought caused the money scare. He handed us a clipping which he said was a portion of secretary Taft's speech recently delivered in Boston, and which he thought was the best reason that had yet been given for the panic. The clipping is as follows:

"The world generally has a certain amount of loanable capital available for new enterprises or the enlargement of old ones. In periods of prosperity, this capital with the instrumentalities for enlarging it potentially by credits is put into new enterprises which are profitable, and the increase in free capital goes on almost in arithmetical progression. After a time, however, expenses of operation and wages increase and the profit from the new enterprises grows smaller. The loanable capital gradually changes its form into investments less and less convertible. Much of that which might be capital is wasted in unwise enterprises, in extravagance in living, in wars and absolute destruction of property, until the available free capital becomes well-nigh exhausted the world over, and the progress of new enterprises must await the savings of more. Men continue to embark in new enterprises, however, the capital fails them, and disaster comes.

"For eight or nine months last past there were many indications that the loanable capital of the world was near exhaustion. This result was brought about not only by the enormous expansion of business, plants and business investment, which could not be readily converted, but also by the waste of capital in extravagance of living and by the Spanish War, the Boer War, and the Russian-Japanese War, and in such catastrophes as Baltimore and San Francisco. It becomes impossible for the soundest railroads and other enterprises to borrow money for new construction or reconstruction. The condition was not confined to this country, but extended the world over, and was made manifest in the countries of Europe even before it was felt here.

"Secondly, the conclusion can not be avoided that the revelations of irregularity, breaches of trust, stock-jobbing, overissue of stock, violations of law, and lack of rigid state and national supervision in the management of some of our largest insurance companies, railroad companies, traction companies, and financial corporations, shocked investors and made them withhold what little loanable capital remained available. Such disclosures had much more effect, probably, abroad than they had here, because here we were able to make distinctions, while there, at a remote distance, the revelations created distrust in our whole business fabric.

"When therefore two or three institutions, banks, and trust companies supposed to be solid were found to have their capital impaired by stock-jobbing of their officers, the public were easily frightened and the run upon banks began."

Receipt books, location blanks, deeds mortgages, promissory notes, etc., for sale; also mining signals on cloth, graduation diplomas, at the Ledger office.

Land and Mineral Decisions.

Reported by Woodford D. Harlan, Land Attorney, Washington, D. C.

Mineral—Agricultural.—In the case of a hearing to determine the mineral or non-mineral character of a tract of land, theretofore held by the department to be principally valuable for its mineral deposit, the burden of proof is with the agricultural claimants, and it is incumbent upon them to clearly overcome the effect of the former decision.

Deserted wife—Residence.—Only the wife shall be heard to prove change of residence by showing that the husband deserted her.

Reservation by president—Reservation of lands by executive proclamation, subject to congressional action, is operative from the date of proclamation.

Practice—Advancement of cases in the general land office is discretionary with the commissioner.

Townsites—No state law incorporating a town can, of itself, appropriate any public lands of the United States, and thereby withdraw them from disposition under the homestead laws, or other laws of the United States.

Coal Lands—A possessory claim must be maintained and asserted in good faith, and for the use and benefit of the claimant only, to entitle him to be heard in his own right as against the application of another.

Why He Never Married.

A matinee girl from Chicago looked up from a long and painful study of one of Clyde Fitch's autographed sentiments into that author's face.

"Mr. Fitch," she began mournfully, "I know why you have not married."

"Tell me. I would like to know."

"Certainly. It must have happened this way: You wrote a proposal of marriage to a beautiful leading woman in one of your companies. You should have proposed in person. But you wrote. She couldn't read your writing and thought it was a dismissal from the company. She drowned herself, and you are still unmarried."

The dramatic author thoughtfully rolled a cigarette.

"It is as good a reason as I know," he responded.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

The Painter Man.

Mark Twain at a dinner at New York once talked about the troubles of housekeepers at the painting season. He said, "If you are a housekeeper, I don't need to tell you that when a painter has taken up the parlor carpet, removed the furniture from the dining room, leaned two ladders against the hall mantel and stacked a half dozen variegated cans of paint on the sideboard it means he is now ready to paint the outside shutters and the back fence."

Almost as Bad.

"Was no one injured in the railway collision, count?"

No. Nevertheless it was a most painful situation. First, second, third and fourth class passengers all mingled together. Simply unheard of.—Transatlantic Tales.

Heart Interest.

"That play," remarked the critical person, "lacks heart interest."

"It does, eh?" answered the star.

"You just ought to see the way the manager is taking the box office receipts to heart."—Washington Star.

Whom fortune favors the world favors.—German Proverb.

The Change.

"You don't love me as you used to," declared the termagant wife. "Before we were married you considered me absolutely perfect."

"Yes," interrupted the downtrodden husband, "but now you're perfectly absolute."—Philadelphia Press.

Circumstantial Evidence.

Mrs. Coburger—It isn't right to charge Freddie with taking that money out of your pocket. Why don't you accuse me? Coburger—Because \$4 wasn't all taken.—Harper's Weekly.

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A Famous Actor's Views on the Sleep-walking Scene.

The first time I read this tragedy I expected to see the sleepwalking scene played by Macbeth instead of his wife. This scene occurs at the beginning of the fifth act, and not until the gentlewoman and the doctor converse together are we aware of the change in Lady Macbeth's character and of the illness that has made her weak. A woman so brutal in her conception and so resolute in her projects—how could she at once lose steadfastness, she who was capable of saying:

I would, while it was smiling in my face, Have plucked my nipple from his boneless gums And dashed the brains out.

Such a woman is capable of committing any crime without losing her impassiveness. I should have preferred not to see her, even in sleep, wash her hands of the murder of Duncan. Her wicked personality would have appeared still greater.

I do not believe that Shakespeare meant the sleepwalking scene for Lady Macbeth. Have you not noticed how precise the famous writer was in drawing his characters? He always tried to keep them in the same light from beginning to end. To my mind it seems impossible that Lady Macbeth should collapse like that. Instead it would be more natural in Macbeth. I found this scene so unnatural that I cut it out in my version.

The explanation may be something like this: In Shakespeare's day there were no women players. Perhaps some of the actors were not satisfied with the length of their respective parts. Shakespeare, to keep the peace, may have shortened Macbeth's speeches and given them to somebody else.

The tragedy of Macbeth is a sublime display of tragic passion, a pathetic picture of fate and evil conquering good. There is no moral, but without doubt this play may be regarded as the greatest work of dramatic literature.—Tommaso Salvini in Putnam's Monthly.

ENGLISH GHOST STORY.

A Vision That Saved a Life on the Yorkshire Dales.

It is not often that we hear of a ghost saving a man's life. There is, however, an instance, and it seems to be tolerably well authenticated, and materialists will hardly know how to account for it. Here is the story. It is of the Yorkshire dales and of a good many years ago. A clergyman whose duty lay in that wild country, where a strong race of men and women lived principally on bacon and oatcake and knew not save rarely butcher's meat, used to ride or walk to visit the people. He had been raising a subscription in a time of scarcity and had to be out late at night. One evening on his outward journey he suddenly became aware of a figure moving beside him, and in the gloaming he recognized his brother, who had died some time before. He was too awestruck for words, and after keeping by his side for some distance over the lonely moor the figure disappeared. He noted the time and the vision, but nothing occurred to throw any light upon it. However, some years after he had taken the duty at a jail in another part of the country one of the prisoners lying under sentence desired to make a confession. After telling him of a lot of crimes he said: "I wor very near once taking your life, sir. It was in that bad year, and I heard as how you went carrying money about in those lonesome dales. I hid behind the big bowlders of the brown moor. I saw you coming up and waited till you should be near enough, but that night you were not alone." This is a startling tale and the stronger because the vision or whatever it was seen by two people. The anecdote occurs in an article twenty years ago in Macmillan's Magazine by Lady Verney.

Sense of Smell.

The olfactory nerves are wonderfully sensitive. Much has yet to be investigated with regard to the differentiation of the points in these nerves so that they may discriminate with such apparently miraculous accuracy, yet even the results in the scent of dogs show how wonderfully fine is their discriminating power. Our sense of smell, unless in the trained chemist, is not even so acute as that of the semi-savage. Much have we gained by civilization, but not without some loss to our bodily energies and senses. Man's recuperative power after an injury is said frequently to be in inverse ratio to his social advancement. Similarly he seems to become less acute and delicate in the sense of smell as he fares better and lives more comfortably.—St. Louis Republic.

Houses and Homes.

There have been and there are today in the various lands of the earth many people who have no houses and nothing that you could call furniture even of the antique variety. But there can be no doubt that they are far happier than many who are comfortably housed in mansions which contain everything that money can buy.—Uncle Remus' Magazine.

Talking and Thinking.

The Man—A learned scientist advances the theory that a severed head is capable of thinking, although it is unable to speak. The Woman—That's queer. It is so much easier to talk than it is to think!

Call Money.

Nell—What is call money, dear? Belle—I guess it's the kind you call up your husband on the telephone for to tell him you must have it right away.—Baltimore American.

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The new library proposed in France by R. Goldschmidt and Paul Otlet is to have microscopic print on pages of reduced size, and the books are to be read by a special magnifying apparatus. A uniform international standard of size is suggested. The cost of the small books would be not more than a sixth of that of the present large ones, library work would be lessened, and capacity increased.

In a new French Weisbach mantle, the rare oxides are consolidated in an electric furnace, greatly increasing resistance to shocks, tremors and draughts.

"Oedipism" is the name given to the act of tearing out one's eyes. Dr. Ch. Laton, a French physician, reports the recent case of a merchant, made insane by losses, who attempted suicide by dashing his head against a wall and tried to rupture his eye-balls by pressing his thumbs against them. The globes were not ruptured, though blindness eventually resulted. About twenty similar cases are found to be on record, and in every instance the patient—always insane—has tried to tear out both eyes. Every degree of injury has been inflicted. Eminent physicians have doubted that the eyes could be torn out by the fingers alone, but recent facts have proven that the muscles and tough optic nerve have been torn and scratched through by the nails and the evidence is conclusive that the eye-balls have been completely removed in some cases. The self-mutilators are all melancholics, usually with religious delusions, self-destruction being the end in view. Temporary injury is inflicted by designing sane persons, and mailerers—such as working men seeking special compensation and soldiers wishing to secure discharge—sometimes mutilate the eye by introducing tobacco or other irritating substances.

The novel household freezing machine described by Consul R. J. Thompson from Hanover has a capacity of five gallons or more, and is a double-walled vessel of tin with a hollow space an inch deep completely surrounding the inner compartment. Carbonic acid from ordinary storage under pressure is admitted to the bottom of this surrounding chamber passing through a cross-armed tube into the top of the inner vessel. The sudden expansion of the carbonic acid yields great cold, and water is changed to ice in sixty seconds, while meats, fruits, bottled beverages, etc., may be chilled or frozen in a few seconds.

The thousands of sandhill nests of the "magnetic" ant of Northern Australia—lately inspected by the governor general—measure 2 to 3 by 10 to 15 feet. They form a "nature's compass," the long axis pointing always north and south.

In the transformation of uranium into helium, according to Prof. Rutherford's review of the latest researches, there is certainly formed a new substance, for which Prof. Boltwood has proposed the name ionium, and this substance is the immediate parent of radium. Associated with ionium in such a manner as to suggest also an origin from uranium is

actinium. For every gram of uranium present in any mineral there seems to be a certain fraction of radium and the amount of actinium also bears a definite ratio to the amount of uranium although radium and actinium appear to have no direct connection. Hon. R. J. Strutt has just shown that helium is yielded by rare earths containing thorium. This makes it evident that radium, actinium and thorium, the three most intensely radioactive substances in nature, have helium as their final disintegration product, or at least as one of their final products. Whether lead is another product is still a matter of doubt.

The idea of using house refuse for fuel, as is being so successfully attempted in the refuse-burning plants of large cities, is applied on a small scale in the new fuel—called "coalescence"—of an English borough engineer. Garbage, bits of unburned coal from the ashes, and other waste, are pulverized, mixed with tar, and made into briquettes. This fuel is claimed to be not only perfectly hygienic, but to show high efficiency under boilers. The cost is so moderate that small towns are enabled to dispose of their waste by a practically self-supporting method.

Typhoid is now known to spring from a variety of sources, and Dr. Seaton, a British health officer, doubts whether ten per cent of cases can be attributed to infected drinking water. Polluted food seems to be a common cause, and cases of doubtful origin have suggested that other germs besides the so-called typhoid bacilli may produce the disease.

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When Verdi was putting the last touches to "Il Trovatore" he was visited in his study by a privileged friend. The friend was one of the ablest living musicians and critics. He was permitted to look at the score and run over the "anvil chorus" on the pianoforte. "What do you think of that?" asked the master. "Trash!" said the connoisseur. Verdi rubbed his hands and chuckled. "Now, look at this and this," he said. "Rubbish!" said the other, rolling a cigarette. The composer rose and embraced him with a burst of joy. "What do you mean?" asked the critic. "My dear friend," cried Verdi, "I have been making a popular opera. In it I resolved to please everybody except the purists, the great judges, the classicists, like you. Had I pleased you I should have pleased no one else. What you say assures me of success. In three months 'Il Trovatore' will be sung and roared and whistled and barrel organed all over Italy."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The American Author.

The chief thing in the average American novel is the amazing vitality of the author. He writes always at the top of his voice. His strenuousness is unceasing. The reader can almost see the swollen veins on his forehead, the tight drawn mouth and flashing eye. It is do it or die. And he never knows where to stop. With his feverish anxiety to make points he does not seem to realize when he has achieved his purpose and frequently fizzles out ineffectively. He has ideas. He has vast quantities of material. He has a command of language, a fatal fluency that frequently leads to his downfall, for he lacks a sense of values. He lacks self restraint. He is full of tricks and artfulness, but he is not an artist.—London Saturday Review.

Well Preserved.

"I told Miss Knox today," said he, "that the only word that properly described you was 'peach.'"

"Indeed?" replied Miss Bute. "I suppose she said something 'real nice,' as usual?"

"Well, she said: 'I suppose that is the proper word. At any rate, she looks well preserved.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Bobby's Reason.

Little Bobby was saying his prayers at his mother's knee, but so rapidly that she asked him why he did not speak more slowly.

"Because, you know," he replied, "it would keep all the other children waiting."—Lippincott's.

Didn't Find Out.

"So you really attended the lecture last night?"

"Yes."

"What did the lecturer talk about?"

"Well, I'm not sure, for he didn't say."—Lyceumite and Talent.

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The first annual report of the Bank of Amador county since it passed into the hands of its present management was laid before the board of directors at a meeting held this week, and a semi-official statement thereof will be found elsewhere in these columns. The showing is an unusually flattering one. It may be safely stated that few banks in the state can, in these times of monetary tightness, present a more satisfactory balance sheet. It indicates a conservative management that must tend to give business men and depositors generally increasing confidence in the local institution. During the present period of depression the experience of nearly all the banks, not only in California but throughout the country, has been a serious shrinkage of resources in the shape of deposits. This has been the case with a large majority of the soundest banks in the country. Money in vast sums has left the banks and gone into hiding, until the crazy spell of distrust has passed away. But the Bank of Amador county seems to have experienced no such thing. Its resources in capital stock and deposits are over half a million—far in excess of any previous period in its history. Its cash on hand is over \$180,000, or over forty per cent of the total due depositors. And the year has been one of unprecedented prosperity for the stockholders, the surplus and profits footing up over one and a quarter times the amount of the capital stock.

It is pleasing, in these days of impaired confidence, to be able to point to the exceptionally strong position held by our banking institution. We do this freely and voluntarily, as a matter of justice to a well-conducted bank, in which we have no interest whatever other than a small depositor. A bank run along conservative and safe lines is a tower of strength in any community, and such the Bank of Amador county unquestionably is, as is shown by its annual statement.

THE DISINCORPORATION MOVEMENT.

The petition for the disincorporation of Jackson has been industriously circulated during the past week. It now contains within two or three names of a clear majority of all the votes cast at the last city election, when the votes polled for the opposing candidates for city clerk aggregated 237. No doubt the full number of signatures, with a safe margin to spare, will be secured in time to lay the petition before the city trustees for action thereon at their regular meeting next Thursday.

Some persons seem to be laboring under a wrong impression as to the main purpose of this movement. They regard it as aimed at dispensing with local self-government altogether. But this is not the main object sought to be attained. While we are free to say that if the sample of government we have been treated for the past two years is the best that we are capable of, then it were better to revert back permanently to our former status. But we have a higher opinion of the capacity of this people than to entertain such a thought. Personally we believe under efficient management Jackson could be made a city of which all residents might be proud. But the little experience we have gained proves that this is hopeless under existing conditions, even with the best possible management. We have a clash of interests that can never be overcome, and must ever be a thorn in the path of municipal progress. We have started wrong, we have more territory than we can cityfy, or properly handle. Our revenue is dissipated over such a wide area that no section is satisfied. The only way to get in shape to do something worth doing is to disincorporate, and start afresh when the time limit has elapsed, if we then feel like so doing. This is our position. The Ledger is advocating no backward step. If disincorporated, we would vote for and advocate reincorporation to-morrow within manageable limits.

AUKUM.

Mrs I. F. Ostrom of Oleta, died at her residence in that place on Jan. 23. She had reached the age of 86, one month and one day. She was the wife of the late I. F. Ostrom, who was a pioneer of the vicinity, and was a prominent Odd Fellow. He was for a long time partner of H. C. Farnham. She leaves one only child, Irve Ostrom, well and favorably known around Oleta. Jennie Ostrom, a sister of Irve, preceded her mother to the spirit land several years.

Henry Monsee of Uno, had paralytic stroke recently.

Mrs Jack French is lying very low with typhoid fever. Since her sickness she has had two doctors attending her. Reports say she was much worse this morning.

Mrs Chas. Bell is also very feeble but is yet on her feet, but barely able to get around.

Hugh and Amy Bell were over to visit the parents of the former, Mr and Mrs Chas. Bell, on Saturday night and Sunday last.

Late Stumpff was down Friday and Saturday to visit his wife. He is engaged in mining at Indian Diggings. He returned this morning.

I reported last week that Lou Votaw had been married. The fact

was he turned a double somersault and lit in the circus ring with the hat of a clown on his head. The one he married was an old hobo with whiskers as long and dishevelled as Rip Van Winkle waking out of his long and ancient slumber. The canard was a very good one and cost Lou several cigars. The boys ought to make him put up the lager now or charivari him in good old fashioned shape.

Bob Carter left here this evening to go to the Last Chance mine, where he has been employed to drive team for the mine. Giddy Dick.

Notice to Creditors.

Estate of John McCulloh, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, executor of the last will and testament of John McCulloh, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said executor, at the office of Robert C. Bole, esq., Brown Building, Court street, Jackson, California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate, in said Amador county.

Dated, January 25, 1908.
JOHN C. McCULLOH,
Executor of the last will and testament of John McCulloh, deceased.
Robert C. Bole,
Attorney for executor. Jan. 31-5t.

Pioneer Passes Away.

Patrick Dwyer, one of Amador county's best known citizens, passed away about three o'clock Wednesday morning at his home on Court street, after an illness of a few days. Last Friday while sitting in a chair at home reading he was taken with a severe attack of apoplexy, this being the immediate cause of his death. He was in an unconscious state for several days prior to the end.

Deceased was a native of Ireland, being born in the county of Tipperary in 1826. He remained in his native land until he was twenty-three years of age, at which time he crossed to New York, and from there came to this state by way of the isthmus. Almost immediately he made his way to Volcano, where he engaged in mining for about ten years, after which he went into the cattle business. In 1877 he purchased the Globe hotel, which he conducted for many years, afterwards leasing the property and retiring from active life. He always took great interest in public matters, and was supervisor for this district for two successive terms of four years each.

In 1855 Mr Dwyer was married to Miss Annie Hanley, and their union was blessed with seven children of whom four are living, namely: William and Thomas Dwyer, Mrs Annie Hurst, and Nellie, the wife of Chas. Ginocchio.

The funeral took place this morning from the Catholic church at high mass, a large number of friends of the deceased following the remains to the last resting place. The pallbearers were U. S. Gregory, R. C. Bole, Geo. Brown, Alfonso Ginocchio, Chas. Culbert and H. Tallon.

Matrimonial Boom.

The little Orthodox Greek church on the Jackson Gate road was the scene of a marriage boom yesterday morning such as has never before been witnessed in this county. A priest of the orthodox faith, Rev. T. N. Poshkovsky, made a special trip from San Francisco to gratify the trinity of couples that were anxious to be united in wedlock. Three brides and grooms were in church at the same time to get married. In this unexampled muster the Greek church is entitled to the premium.

The church was well filled by the friends of the contracting parties, and a number who were not of that religious faith, who gathered out of curiosity to witness the trio of weddings.

The first couple to the altar were Vlado Sentenich of San Francisco and Miss Drage Radonovich of Jackson. The bride's attendant was Mrs Glavinich. Unlike the practice in other churches, it seems to be the rule with the Orthodox church that the bride shall be attended by a married lady. Immediately after the ceremony this couple left the church and were driven in a carriage to Ione, where they took the train for San Francisco, where they intend to make their home, the groom being engaged in business in the city.

The second couple to be wedded were Golub Kavacevich and Miss Soke Savich, the bridesmaid being Mrs Perovich. They also left the church as soon as the marriage ceremony was over.

The last couple were Mackin Chorovich and Miss Stanor Dabovich, the latter being attended by Mrs Lepetich. The two last named couples will make their homes in this city.

Very Much Alike.

"See here, Pat," said his employer, "didn't you tell me that when you was out west the Indians scalped you? And now you have your hat off I see you have an extraordinary quantity of hair! You certainly told me so, didn't you, Pat?"

"O! did, sor," answered Pat, "but O! bear in mind now that it was me brudder Morke. It's that much we be aloke that O! think O!m Morke an' Morke be me."—New York Times.

British Manners.

A man shoves past a woman on a staircase or he leaves her standing while he sits. He comes into a crowded public room with his hat on and talks loudly as if all the place belonged to him. His womankind do the same. At present the workingman has the best manners, the middle class the worst.—Lady Violet Greville in London Graphic.

Qualified.

"And is Willie Vanfeller really studying medicine?"
"Yes, and he's getting on famously. He told me yesterday I was looking well, and, by Jove, I was!"—Harper's Weekly.

Applications for Grazing Permits.

Notice is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses and sheep within the STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST during the season of 1908, must be filed in my office at Sonora, Calif., on or before March 15, 1908. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making application will be furnished upon request.

S. J. PLINTHAM,
Acting Supervisor.

Electoral College Figures.

The time is at hand for cutting out of the newspapers tables of the electoral vote of 1908, and beginning to elect presidents by the fascinating process of making combinations of the states that are deemed to be favorably inclined to the different candidates. The new electoral college will include forty-six states, with a total of 483 votes, making 242 necessary to a choice. The college will vote as follows:

Alabama	11	Nebraska	8
Arkansas	9	Nevada	3
California	10	New Hampshire	4
Colorado	5	New Jersey	12
Connecticut	7	New York	39
Delaware	3	North Carolina	12
Florida	5	North Dakota	4
Georgia	13	Ohio	23
Idaho	3	Oklahoma	7
Illinois	27	Oregon	4
Indiana	15	Pennsylvania	34
Iowa	13	Rhode Island	4
Kansas	10	South Carolina	9
Kentucky	13	South Dakota	4
Louisiana	9	Tennessee	12
Maine	6	Texas	18
Maryland	8	Utah	3
Massachusetts	16	Vermont	4
Michigan	14	Virginia	12
Minnesota	11	Washington	5
Mississippi	10	West Virginia	7
Missouri	18	Wisconsin	4
Montana	3	Wyoming	3

A simple way to figure on the probable result is to take the "Solid South" as the basis of the democratic strength, and add to it the states that Mr Bryan may be able to carry under different contingencies. Giving Missouri, Kentucky, Maryland, Delaware and Oklahoma to the Solid South, the democracy counts on 169 votes in that region. It will be necessary for Mr Bryan to secure seventy-three more in the North. Where will they come from?—Atchison Globe.

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School Notes.

Miss Agnes Newman left this morning for Fruitvale, where she recently received an appointment in the public schools. Miss Badaracco has been transferred from the Kennedy Flat school and will take Miss Newman's class. Mrs J. W. Caldwell has accepted the position at the Kennedy school.

Miss Gartlin attended the funeral Wednesday of Robert I. Davis, who died the first of the week at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs J. J. Davis, in Shenandoah Valley.

Miss Boardman was called in yesterday morning to take the fifth grade, in the place of Miss Bernecich, who is absent on account of the sickness of her father.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Suit Against Sutter Creek Bank.

Joseph Schillings versus the Sutter Creek State Bank is a suit started Tuesday in the superior court for the recovery of certain money placed on deposit with the bank. Plaintiff is the surviving partner of the firm of Schilling brothers, who has a ranch near Oleta. The report is current that he wrote a check on the bank for \$2000, which was honored for only half that amount. Hence suit is brought for the recovery of the balance.

Summons.

In the Superior Court of the state of California, in and for Amador county.

Adelaide Laity plaintiff vs. James J. Laity defendant.
Action brought in the superior court of the state of California, in and for Amador county, and the complaint filed in the office of the clerk of said Amador county.

The people of the state of California send greeting to James J. Laity defendant.
You are hereby directed to appear and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the superior court of the state of California, in and for Amador county, within ten days after the service on you of this summons—it served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that, unless the defendant so appears and answers, the plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the superior court of the state of California, in and for Amador county, this 17th day of January, A. D. 1908.

(seal) J. K. HUBERTY, Clerk.

Wm. G. Snyder,

Attorney for plaintiff.

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